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on 29 December 1953, the GDR Bezirksleitung in Berlin decreed the speedy activation of combat groups in enterprises in East Berlin and the zone.

2.

the alert or combat groups were subordi-
nate either to the Betriebschutzleiter (leader) who, in large plants, was
a VP member, or directly to a VP office and could be employed by the VP
inside or outside the plant.

3.

[] the combat group was commanded by a Kampfgruppenleiter who was assisted by a political leader and a training leader. The combat group consisted of four platoons, each of two squads. Each platoon was commanded by a platoon leader and consisted of 12 men. Each squad consisted of one commander and five men. The combat group also had a supply platoon consisting of 7 men, with one man being responsible for rifles and ammunition, one for supply and one for medical supply, and with four men serving as couriers and signmen. The combat group was armed with K-110 carbines and received training from the 1st Guer Sport und Technik.

4.

[redacted] such combat groups were in existence or being activated at most enterprises in East Germany and many large plants in Berlin. He was told that the first stage of alert ordered for party and VP on 17 December 1953 led the SED Bezirksleitung to rush this organization. He also learned that the personnel of the combat group would receive individual special training.

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